IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VAATAUSILI MARK ALAIMALO, No. CV-F-05-300 REC/SMS HC ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY Petitioner, vs. PAUL SCHWARTZ, Warden, Respondent.

On March 22, 2006, petitioner, a federal prisoner, filed a Notice of Appeal, purporting to appeal from the denial of petitioner's motion for reconsideration and from the denial of his petition for writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

The court expresses no opinion concerning the timeliness of the Notice of Appeal.

However, the court does conclude that petitioner is entitled to a certificate of appealability with regard to the denial of the petition for writ of habeas corpus. The petition claimed

that petitioner is entitled to proceed pursuant to Section 2241 because Section 2255 provided an inadequate and ineffective remedy. Petitioner contends that he is actually innocent of the crime of which he is convicted because of the Ninth Circuit's decision in <u>United States v. Cabbacang</u>, 332 F.3d 622 (9th Cir. 2003) and because he did not have an unobstructed procedural shot to raise this claim pursuant to Section 2255. The court concludes that petitioner has shown that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether this court was correct in its procedural ruling and that jurists of reason would find it debatable that the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 24, 2006 668554

/s/ Robert E. Coyle
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE